

DIARY NOTES

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1. En route to [REDACTED] with the Director this morning:

a. He asked me how the NPIC building was coming along. I told him it was pretty well finished--a few minor items left (I hope this is right). I asked him if he had read my case history of [REDACTED]. He said, "No", so I gave him the gist of it, including the amount of [REDACTED]

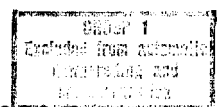
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He smiled and said, "Of course I know better," but concluded this part of our conversation by saying that he thought it was a fine building. Hence, I hope that we have heard the last of this matter.

b. The Director also asked me how the acquisition of real estate at the headquarters building was going. I reported that this seemed to be going all right as far as the two large tracts were concerned; the owners were not happy about it but had granted permission for GSA representatives to inspect and appraise their property. I told him that this would take about three weeks. I said that the other two small parcels with homes were not going so well and that we had received some unfortunate publicity over the weekend in both the Star and the Post. The Director had also seen this. I explained that I thought we would eventually be able to work out a mutually satisfactory arrangement with these owners and told him that we were prepared to agree to anything from outright sale and lease back at normal rent to a right of first refusal, providing the owners would agree to "control", including inspection, etc. He seemed satisfied with this and said that he thought we should follow a "good neighbor" policy. Hence, I believe that the manner in which we are proceeding with GSA will be entirely satisfactory to the Director. He ended this part of our conversation by saying, "It sounds like this is going along very well as far as we are concerned."

c. The Director told me that he understood that in our original authorization for the new headquarters building we had also been

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given authority to construct a house for the Director. I told him this was not correct. Our legislation did not contain any such authority and, furthermore, Mr. Dulles was asked specifically whether any of these funds could be used to construct houses, such as a residence for the Director, and he had replied negatively. I also said that we had subsequently raised this matter with the House Appropriations Committee and had gotten quite a negative reaction to any such proposal. The Director said that, while it was true that the senior military people have houses and that he thought a case might be made for a house for the DCI, it would be difficult to get anybody to listen to you if they didn't even build a house for the Secretary of State. He then referred to a piece of property near the Attorney General which someone had suggested he buy. As he described it I thought he was talking about the Scattergood and Thorne property, and I explained that this property was already owned by the Government with the two elderly ladies having a life tenancy. "That answers that," said the Director. The more I think about this the more I think the property he had in mind might not be the Scattergood and Thorne property. (I want to follow up on this and advise him of this possible error.) *I have asked*
[REDACTED] *to do this.*

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2. The Executive Committee met at 0800 hours in the Director's office at East Building, and it was one of the stormiest sessions I have witnessed during my service with CIA.

a. While I can only speculate, I gathered that the Director and General Carter were both pretty testy as a result of the shrimpboat episode last night in which CIA was not very much on the ball. McGeorge Bundy in the White House called the Director, who didn't know anything about it; he in turn called General Carter, who didn't know anything about it. General Carter tried to call Dick Helms but couldn't find him. Then he tried to call [REDACTED] and after chasing him down at somebody else's house learned that Des knew about it but didn't think it was very important. In addition, the Watch Officer did a rather unsatisfactory job in briefing the Director this morning

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insofar as this incident was concerned.

b. The Director was also apparently seething under the Monday morning quarterbacking by the Killian Committee on the Cuban crisis last October. He was most dissatisfied with the lack of a feeling of urgency and importance on the part of everyone in the Agency about anything having to do [REDACTED] Ray Cline got the brunt of the shellacking. In fact, no one in the room escaped. The DD/P, DD/I, DD/R, the IG, and even the DD/S were lambasted in the strongest of terms. (As far as DD/S is concerned, the only specific action to take is to get [REDACTED] revised promptly.)

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c. The Director and General Carter have emphasized that they want each member of the group who attends the morning meeting and his principal assistant to be available at all times, and the Watch Office is supposed to know where they are and how they can be reached at any hour of the day or night. Insofar as General Carter is concerned, he vows that in the future, day or night, he is going to deal with the member of the Executive Committee or his principal assistant and will accept no substitute.

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3. Paul Borel telephoned to say that he had some problem in making

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out [REDACTED] fitness report. I asked him to discuss the matter with [REDACTED]

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